

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: July 5, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Sequanna Taylor, Chairwoman, Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

From: Emily Petersen, Government Affairs Liaison, County Board of Supervisors

Subject: File No. 22-17 – July Report

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**Background**

Pursuant to File No. 22-17, this report is submitted as an informational report regarding legislative updates. The purpose of this report is to provide an update related to local, state, and federal policy developments, as well as an overview on the current state legislative session.

**2021-2022 State Legislative Session & Update on State Legislation**

The Assembly held its last session of the current term on February 24, 2022, and the Senate held its last session on March 8, 2022. Barring any unforeseen or emergency circumstances, the Legislature will be in recess until January 2023. In its last floor periods, the Legislature sent dozens of bills to the Governor, amongst them many election-related changes, which have been signaled as likely [vetoes](#).

**File Nos. 22-295 and 22-296**

In February, the County Board unanimously adopted, and the County Executive signed, [File No. 22-296](#), authorizing and directing the Government Affairs Liaison to request, within 30 days of adoption, the United States Department of Justice examine the State of Wisconsin's shared revenue system. On March 3, 2022, I transmitted Milwaukee County's request to the Attorney General via certified mail, with a certified copy of the resolution, which I reported on in [March](#). No response from the Attorney General's Office was received by the time of this report.

In April, the County Board unanimously adopted, and the County Executive signed, [File No. 22-295](#), authorizing and directing the Government Affairs Liaison to request the United States Department of Justice review 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 to determine if it violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. On April 21, 2022, I transmitted Milwaukee County's request to the Attorney General via certified mail, with a certified copy of the resolution, which I reported on in [May](#). No response from the Attorney General's Office was received by the time of this report.

cc: Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk  
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